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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Research and Reports

VIA:

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SUBJECT: Mali Brief Prepared by Geographic Division

1. When Mali, the former French Sudan, seceded from the Mali Federation in September 1960 and began to move closer politically to Guinea, it was recognized that (1) Mali would become an area of Bloc-Free World economic competition, and (2) there was very little current information available in compact form on the politico-economic situation in this newly emerging nation. A request was therefore levied by this Office on the Geographic Division of ORR for a briefing paper which would present the most recent data on the inter-related economic, geographic, and political factors [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The Mali Brief, prepared by the Geographic Division as a result of this request, has proven most useful to this Office.

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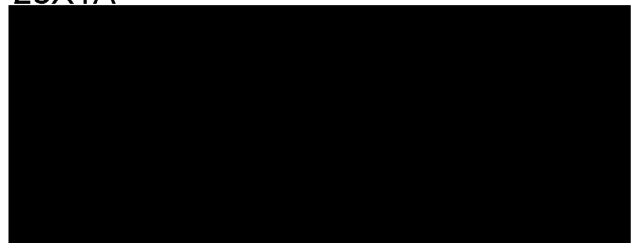
2. During the course of a routine briefing by this Office, the [REDACTED] was given a copy of the Mali Brief. He later stated that this paper was one of the most useful background documents provided him [REDACTED]

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3. [REDACTED] wishes to express its gratitude to ORR for a job well done.

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